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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA - NO RESPONSE TO US PROPOSALS ON SPECIES
LISTING

REF: STATE 57912

¶1. Summary: Sri Lanka has no comments on the proposals submitted by the United States for consideration at the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in The Hague from June 3 through 15, 2007 and summarized reftel. End Summary.

¶2. EconFSN spoke with Mr. S.R. Dissanayake, Deputy Director, Department of Wildlife Conservation to solicit responses to the proposals summarized reftel. (Note: Dissayanake spoke in place of the standard Point of Contact for CITES, the Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, since no director is currently appointed. End Note.)

¶3. Dissayanake said that Sri Lanka has no comments on the proposals submitted by the United States. He explained that his department has no scientific information regarding the species listed in these proposals to offer meaningful comments. He added, "The normal position of Sri Lanka is to be guided by the conservation status of the country under consideration."

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